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SUBJECT: CALM RESTORED TO ATHENS IN WAKE OF CONSTRUCTION

WORKERS DEMONSTRATION

REF: ATHENS 5567

1. IN LATE NIGHT HOURS JULY 23, CALM AND ORDER WERE RESTORED TO ATHENS IN WAKE OF DISTURBANCES CITED REFTEL. MINISTRY PUBLIC ORDER ISSUED STATEMENT LAST NIGHT NOTING THAT ABOUT 35 POLICE OFFICERS AND 30 PRIVATE CITIZENS HAD BEEN INJURED IN THE EPISODE AND THAT SOME 40 DEMONSTRATORS HAD BEEN ARRESTED -- "MANY OF WHOM WERE FOUND NOT TO BE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS". STATEMENT DREW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT INCIDENTS COINCIDED WITH CELEBRATION OF FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY TO GREECE -- JUST AS LAST PREVIOUS INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN ATHENS HAD COINCIDED WITH

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APRIL 21 ANNIVERSARY. STATEMENT SUGGESTED THAT "THIS

POINTS TO EXISTENCE OF JUNTA ELEMENTS AMONG DEMONSTRATORS," WHILE NOT RELIEVING OF RESPONSIBILITY THOSE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WHO HAD INSISTED ON MARCHING THROUGH CENTER OF CITY IN DEFIANCE OF POLICE ORDERS.

2. POLITICAL OPPOSITION LEADERS ALL ISSUED STATEMENTS ON CONSTRUCTION WORKERS INCIDENT, FOLLOWING PREDICTABLE PATTERNS. CU/NF LEADER MAVROS BLAMED INCIDENT ON THOSE "NOSTALGIC FOR THE RETURN OF TYRANNY", WHILE PAPANDREOU (PASOK) STATED THAT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS DEMONSTRATION HAD BEEN UNDERMINED BY "FOREIGN AGENTS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN". COMMUNIST PARTY INTERIOR LEADER DRACOPOULOS BLAMED JUNTA ELEMENTS AND ELEMENTS EMPLOYED BY MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER FOR THE VIOLENT EVENTS, WHILE COMMUNIST PARTY EXTERIOR CHIEFTAN FLORAKIS BLAMED NOT ONLY JUNTA SUPPORTERS BUT ALSO "AGENTS PROVACATEURS AND FASCIST ELEMENTS."

3. IN REPORTING YESTERDAYS EVENTS PRESS CITED JUNTA ELEMENTS AND OTHER EXTREMISTS OF RIGHT AND LEFT IN ASSESSING BLAME FOR INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE.

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